

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Establishment - WD & CW Department Certain irregularities committed by M.Laxmi, former Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Jagtial (now Retd.) - Disciplinary action under A.P.R.P.R, 1980 – Imposition of punishment besides recovery of the loss amount of Rs.9246/- – Orders – Issued.

DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DISABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS (ESTT.A2)

G.O.Rt.No. 441

Dated the 21st December, 2011.
Read the following.

1. From R.O., W&CWO, Warangal No.RO/JGL-16/2001, dt.16.07.2001.
2. From PD, DW&CDA, KMNR Lr.No.E1/809/01, dt.19.07.2001.
3. From RDD, Warangal Lr.No.A/951/2001, dt.30.11.2001.
4. Charge Memo No.8422/E2/01, dt.07.08.02 of Dir., WD & CW, Hyd.
5. From M.Laxmi, Ex-CDPO, ICDS Project, Jagtial, defence statement, dt.20.12.2003.
6. Procs.No.8422/Vig.2/01, dt.11.03.04 of Dir, WD & CW, Hyderabad.
7. Inquiry Officer's Report dt.31.05.2005.
8. From the Director, WD & CW, Hyderabad, Lr.No.8422/Vig-2/01, dt.09.06.2008 & dt.01.05.2009.
9. Govt. Show-Cause-Memo.No.2966/Estt.A2/2008, Dt.07.10.2009.
10. Representation, dt.24.02.2010 of Smt.M.Laxmi, CDPO(Retd).
11. Govt. Lr.No.2966/Estt.A2/2008, Dt:15/10/2011.
12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad, Lr.No.1682/RT-I/1/2011, Dt.15.11.2011.

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ORDER:

The Director, Women Development & Child Welfare Department, Hyderabad, in the reference 8th read above has reported that based on the adverse news published in the local media and the report of the Regional Organize, Project Director, District Women & Child Development Agency and Regional Deputy Director, Warangal vide reference 1 to 3rd read above, on certain irregularities committed by Smt.M.Laxmi, Ex-CDPO, ICDS Project, Jagtial. With regard to the distribution of condiments to Anganwadi Centres and distribution of other material in ICDS Jagtial. Further, the RDD, Warangal had conducted preliminary enquiry wherein it was stated that M/S. Rekonda Halik and Shramajeevi Store Ltd., Karimnagar did not supply the condiments. The Anganwadi Workers the condiments by their own money and run the Anganwadi Centres, but the Anganwadi Workers demanded to pay the amount, instead of condiments as they have already incurred the expenditure on the condiments; therefore, the CDPO took the amount back from the firm and paid the amount to the Anganwadi Workers to that extent. It was also reported in the letter 3rd read above that the Child Development Project Officer supplied cheap quality of plastic balls to the Anganwadi Centres. Keeping in view of above irregularities, the Director, Women Development & Child Welfare, Hyderabad issued charge memo vide 4th read above to Smt. M.Laxmi, Ex-CDPO, ICDS Project, Jagtial, on five (5) counts under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and in her defence statement 5th read above, Smt. M.Laxmi, Ex-CDPO, ICDS Project, Jagtial, denied all the charges framed against her in this regard. Having not satisfied with the explanation of Delinquent Officer, in the Proceedings 6th read above, an enquiry officer was appointed to inquire into the charges framed against Smt. M.Laxmi, Ex-CDPO, ICDS Project, Jagtial. The Enquiry Officer in the reference 7th read above submitted her enquiry report wherein it was held that charges 1,2,4& 5 framed against the Delinquent Officer are proved. Further she has misappropriated an amount of Rs.1246/- should be recovered from the CDPO. Meanwhile, the Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2005; thus, the Director, WD & CW Hyd., referred the disciplinary case to Government with her findings for taking further action under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

2. The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme was started in the year 1975 in Andhra Pradesh. The programme aims at the comprehensive development of the child, right from prenatal period through infancy to childhood, by a series of coordinated activities of Nutrition, Health and Educational (NHE) services. Care of women and children and Adolescent Girls occupies the center stage of the programme. To achieve the laudable objectives, apart from massive funding for the supplementary nutrition, the programme provides for elaborate personnel such as Anganwadi Workers at village level who today Number about 64000. To monitor and guide them about 1837 Supervisors are sanctioned for cluster of villages and 385 CDPO's for every 3 to 4 mandals. In spite of this programme being under implementation since 1975 and gradually up-scaled to achieve universalization with budget today of about Rs.1000 crores, the dismal progress achieved in addressing malnutrition, Neonatal deaths and MMR continue to be areas of serious concern. The CDPOs as responsible functionaries impact the implementation of programmes in over 100 villages impacting health and future of thousands of families.

3. Taking into consideration, the gravity of the charges held proved and with reference to the Inquiry Report and findings of the Disciplinary Authority, it was provisionally decided to impose a punishment of withholding 10% in pension permanently against Smt.M.Laxmi, Ex-Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Jagtial besides recovery of Rs.9246/- a show-case-memo to that effect was issued to her vide ref. 9th cited duly communicating a copy of the report of the Inquiry Officer appointed in this regard.

4. In the reference 10th read above, she has submitted her representation to the show-cause Memo. Smt. M.Laxmi, Child Development Project Officer (Retd), has not put forth any new grounds in her defence.

5. In the letter 11th read above, the concurrence of A.P. Public Service Commission was sought on the above proposed punishment and the recovery of the amount and the A.P. Public Service Commission has furnished their concurrence accordingly vide their letter 12th read above.

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby confirm the proposed punishment and recovery of amount and decided to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently against Smt. M.Laxmi, Ex-CDPO, ICDS Project, Jagtial for the charges enquired and held proved in this disciplinary case besides the recovery of the loss amount of Rs.9246/- caused to Government in this regard.

7. Accordingly, under Rule-9(2) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, a punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently in respect of Smt.M.Laxmi, CDPO (Retd) is imposed besides recovery of Rs.9246/-(Rupees Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Six only) from her.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.CHAYA RATAN,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To:

Smt. M.Laxmi, Child Development Project Officer, (Retd.)

through: the Director, WD & CW, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Director, Women Development & Child Welfare, Hyderabad

The Accountant General, A.P, Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

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